

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 13th January 2019

Counties Contest

A quick reminder to those who took part in the New Year's Day 80 metres Counties Contest, the deadline for the receipt of logs is Tuesday next, 15th January. See www.irts.ie/logs for a list of logs received to date, the Contest Manager is hoping to receive more logs, these should be sent to "contestmanager /at/ irts /dot/ ie"

Special 80M News Bulletin on Sunday 20th January

Important: The first IRTS Radio News Bulletin was transmitted 50 years ago by Bill McIlwaine EI9F (SK), who read it using AM mode. The same bulletin was then transmitted on SSB later that day on 80M by Jim Bartlett EI2BB. VHF transmission was made by Shane McNamee EI2A (SK).

To mark this important anniversary, Jim Bartlett EI2BB will read the 80M news on Sunday 20th January, at the usual 80M news time of 12:00 noon on 3.650 MHz.

For this special broadcast Jim will read both the News bulletin from that day 50 years ago and also the current News bulletin.

Jim will then take the call-in after the news to complete this special broadcast.

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group Annual General Meeting will be held at The Park Hotel, Clonmel on Tuesday 15th January at 8pm. This is the most important meeting of the calendar year and all group members are requested to attend. Short Wave Listeners are in particular very welcome.

A number of topics are up for discussion as well as making plans for 2019. For more information about Tipperary Amateur Radio Group you can visit the club website at www.ei7trg.ie or contact club PRO Ronan EI4KN at QTHR.

CW Tests

Testing of CW will be carried out at the following rallies over the coming months starting with Coolmine on February 17th, Limerick on March 10th and at the IRTS AGM in Athlone on April 14th. Booking for these tests is essential and intending candidates should contact Dave EI4BZ on 087-6290573 or by email “davebeag /at/ gmail /dot/ com”. Full details of the Morse test are available on the IRTS web site under licensing at www.irts.ie

EIDX Group

EIDX Group are delighted to formally announce definite plans for their 2019 DXpedition to Togo. Operating for 12 consecutive days between 14th-26th March 2019, the 5V7EI team plan to run up to 5 QRO stations across all bands from 160m through 10m on SSB, CW and Digital modes. Keep an eye on their website <https://5v7ei.com/> which will be updated on a regular basis. QSL will be via M0OXO OQRS.

Midlands License Examination Training

IECRO radio club in Mullingar has begun its training cycle for the next amateur radio license examination. Anyone living in the midlands who may be interested in becoming licensed this summer can make contact by either emailing “info /dot/ iecro /at/ gmail /dot/ com” or by telephoning Mark EI6HPB via 086 355 2370.

SD Contest Logging Software

A little reminder that EI5DI has over the past few years developed some software which may be of help to those seeking to carry out logging during HF Contesting. SD is excellent for fast, simple CW and SSB logging during HF contests, and is free and unrestricted. It supports IRTS contests and hundreds of others worldwide. SD runs on Windows, Linux, and on Raspberry Pi 3. It may be downloaded from www.ei5di.com

DX News

For the past couple of months 9G2HO has been active from Ho Technical University in Ghana. Activity seems to be mainly on CW and logs are uploaded regularly to Logbook of The World.

Andre ON7YK is back in the Gambia and is reactivating his C5YK callsign. He will

be there until 9th March and QSLs go via the home call.

Milan OK1DWC is on his third expedition to the South Cook Islands where he is signing E51DWC. He operates all bands 160 – 10m on CW, SSB and Digital. QSL via Club Log OQRS.

A group of Brazilian operators will be active as ZY6C from Itaparica Island from 18-20 January. This one counts as SA-023 for the Islands on the Air programme. QSL manager is PY6TV.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Mark EI6HPB on 086 355 2370.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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